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**FIXATION OF NUCLEOTIDE
DERIVATIVES TO SOLID CARRIER**

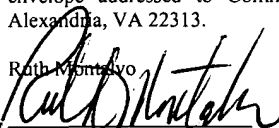
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

On February 12, 2004, Applicant filed a continuation application. Applicant submits this preliminary amendment. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests entry of this preliminary amendment prior to examination of the merits.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper. **Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.

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